COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1117

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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam at eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (A. F. W. Dixon Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.), in the Chair.

Messrs. L. M. Pylee and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

MINISTER—ALLOWANCE OR INCREASE OF SALARY

31. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state whether the Hon'ble Minister has requested for an allowance or increase of salary for the extra work and travelling done in connection with the National War Front?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether the question of increase of salary or allowance came up for the consideration of the Government at any time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. I explained yesterday during the discussion on a cut motion that the War Publicity Officer who is the State Organiser placed this point for the consideration of the Government and then the Minister said that he did not want.

MERCHANTS IN MATTANCHERI—WINDING UP OF BUSINESS ON ACCOUNT OF EXCESS PROFITS TAX

32. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state the number of merchants who wound up their business in Mattancheri and left the State because of the levying of the Excess Profits Tax?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No merchant is known to have wound up his business in Mattancheri and left the State on account of the levy of Excess Profits Tax.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether any merchant has changed his principal place of business from Cochin to Travancore or any other place on account of the imposition of this Excess Profits Tax?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* One merchant, we know, left for British India. That could not have been on account of the Excess Profits Tax, because there it is larger.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether Government has got a report on this.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* From whom?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is confidential.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Has the Government information that he has left?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. He left for British India.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether this Excess Profits Tax exists in Travancore?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice. I don't think there is.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the Government is aware that the merchants Hajee Abdul Kareem and Hajee Abdul Lateef have left.

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